

DDA Registry

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MEMORANDUM FOR : Assistant for Information, DDA  
SUBJECT : Review of Official History of the  
Bay of Pigs Operation, Volume I,  
Air Operations, March 1960-April 1961

Hal:

1. Forwarded for your review is a copy of Volume I of the Official History of the Bay of Pigs Operation: Air Operations, March 1960-April 1961. Based on all source references, the volume is 489 pages in length.

2. As noted in the Foreword to the volume, unless the air operations succeeded as planned, there was no hope for the success of the over-all invasion effort. For this reason, the first volume of the Official History focuses on the evolution and employment of the air force of the Cuban Brigade.

3. It also is useful to begin with the air story because the longest continuing and bitterest controversies concerning the operation -- assassination activities apart for they were never included in the operational plan per se -- relate to the air war aspect.

4. Suggestions, questions, or comments may be made directly on the copy if this will be most convenient for you. Copies for review also are being forwarded to LA Division and [REDACTED]. Possibly the volume can be downgraded to SECRET before final publication, but for the moment it is TOP SECRET.

5. Inasmuch as [REDACTED] was assigned to the project with DPD, he might like to see this draft.

6. We are still picking nits and lice re sources, crypts-true, and other such over here, but don't hesitate to note them for our attention.

Thanks.

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